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REGULATIONS CONCERNING CATTLE TRANSPORTATION; SPECIAL QUARANTINE ORDERS.

REGULATIONS CONCERNING CATTLE TRANSPORTATION.

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Secretary, Washington, D. C., February 1, 1896.

To the Managers and Agents of Railroads and Transportation Companies of the United States, Stockmen and Others:

In accordance with section 7 of the act of Congress approved May 29, 1884, entitled "An Act for the establishment of a Bureau of Animal Industry, to prevent the exportation of diseased cattle, and to provide means for the suppression and extirpation of pleuro-pneumonia and other contagious diseases among domestic animals," and of the act of Congress approved March 2, 1895, making appropriation for the Department of Agriculture for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1896, you are hereby notified that a contagious and infectious disease known as splenetic or Southern fever exists among cattle in the following-described area:

All that country lying south, or below, a line beginning at the northwest corner of the State of California, thence east, south and southeasterly along the boundary line of said State of California to the southeastern corner of said State, thence southerly along the western boundary line of Arizona to the southwest corner of Arizona, thence along the southern boundary lines of Arizona and New Mexico to the southeastern corner of New Mexico, thence northerly along the eastern boundary of New Mexico to the southern line of the State of Colorado, thence along the southern boundary lines of Colorado and Kansas to the southeastern corner of Kansas, thence southerly along the western boundary line of Missouri to the southwestern corner of Missouri, thence easterly along the southern boundary line of Missouri to the Mississippi River, thence southerly along the Mississippi River to the southern boundary line of Tennessee, thence easterly along said boundary line to the southeastern corner of Polk County, Tennessee, thence northerly along the eastern boundary line of Tennessee to the southern boundary line of Virginia, thence west along said boundary line to the boundary line of Kentucky at the western point of Virginia, thence northerly along said boundary line to the northernmost point of Virginia, thence southerly along said boundary line to the northeast corner of Virginia where it joins the southeastern corner of Maryland, at the Atlantic Ocean.

Whenever any State or Territory located above or below said quarantine line as above designated shall duly establish a different quarantine line, and obtain the necessary legislation to enforce said last mentioned line strictly and completely within the boundaries of said State or Territory, and said last above mentioned line and the measures taken to enforce it are satisfactory to the Secretary of Agriculture, he may by a special order temporarily adopt said State or Territorial line.

Said adoption will apply only to that portion of said line specified, and may cease at any time the Secretary may deem it best for the interest involved, and in no instance shall said modification exist longer than the period specified in said special order; and at the expiration of such time said quarantine line shall revert without further order to the

line first above described.

Whenever any State or Territory shall establish a quarantine line, for above purposes, differently located from the above described line, and shall obtain by legislation the necessary laws to enforce same completely and strictly, and shall desire a modification of the Federal quarantine line to agree with such State or Territorial line, the proper authorities of such State or Territory shall forward to the Secretary of Agriculture a true map or description of such line and a copy of the laws for enforcement of same, duly authenticated and certified.

Such States or Territories as now have a line established as last above mentioned can immediately forward certified copies of said line and laws for the enforcement thereof, and if satisfactory to the Secretary of Agriculture, the same may be adopted at once and the Federal line so

modified.

From the 15th day of February to the 15th day of November during each year no cattle are to be transported from said area south or below said Federal quarantine line above described to any portion of the United States above, north or west of the above described line, except by rail for immediate slaughter, and when so transported the following regulations must be observed:

1. When any cattle in course of transportation from said area are unloaded above, north or west of this line to be fed or watered, the places where said cattle are to be fed or watered shall be set apart and

no other cattle shall be admitted thereto.

2. On unloading said cattle at their points of destination, pens shall be set apart to receive them, and no other cattle shall be admitted to said pens; and the regulations relating to the movement of cattle from said area, prescribed by the cattle sanitary officers of the State where unloaded, shall be carefully observed. The cars that have carried said stock shall be cleansed and disinfected before they are again used to

transport, store, or shelter animals or merchandise.

3. All cars carrying cattle from said area shall bear placards stating that said cars contain Southern cattle, and each of the waybills of said shipments shall have a note upon its face with a similar statement. Whenever any cattle have come from said area and shall be reshipped from any point at which they have been unloaded to other points of destination, the cars carrying said animals shall bear similar placards with like statements, and the waybills be so stamped. At whatever

point these cattle are unloaded they must be placed in separate pens, to which no other cattle shall be admitted.

- 4. The cars and boats used to transport such animals, and the pens in which they are fed and watered, and the pens set apart for their reception at points of destination, shall be disinfected in the following manner:
 - (a) Remove all litter and manure. This litter and manure may be disinfected by mixing it with lime or saturating it with a 5 per cent solution of carbolic acid, or, if not disinfected, it may be stored where no cattle can come into contact with it until after November 15.
 - (b) Wash the cars and the feeding and watering troughs with water until clean.
 - (c) Saturate the walls and floors of the cars, and fencing, troughs, and chutes of the pens with a solution made by dissolving 4 ounces of chloride of lime to each gallon of water. Or disinfect the cars with a jet of steam under a pressure of not less than 50 pounds to the square inch.

Cattle from the Republic of Mexico may be admitted into the United States to remain below said Federal quarantine line after inspection according to law, but said cattle shall not be permitted to cross said quarantine line otherwise than by rail for immediate slaughter, except by special permit from the inspectors of the Bureau of Animal Industry issued according to the regulations of the said Bureau, and no permit shall be issued except for cattle free from splenetic or Texas fever, or from contact therewith during the three months preceding the issuance of said permit, and which have been grazed in a locality free from infection of such fever.

The losses which formerly occurred to the owners of susceptible cattle, both in the interstate and export trade, by the contraction of this disease from exposure in unclean and infected cars and pens, and by means of the manure carried in unclean cars from place to place, became a matter of grave and serious concern to the cattle industry of the United States until this danger was removed by the inspection of this Department. It is absolutely essential, therefore, that this cattle industry should continue to be protected as far as possible by separating the dangerous cattle and by the adoption of efficient methods of disinfection.

Inspectors will be instructed to see that disinfection is properly done, and it is expected that transportation companies will promptly put into operation the above methods.

All prior orders conflicting herewith are hereby revoked.

J. Sterling Morton, Secretary.

Special Order Modifying Quarantine Line for the State of Virginia.

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Secretary, Washington, D. C, February 24, 1896.

In accordance with the regulations concerning cattle transportation issued by this Department February 1, 1896, the State of Virginia has located a quarantine line described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning on the boundary line between Virginia and North Carolina at a point coinciding with the summit of the Blue Ridge Mountains, thence following the summit of said mountains northeasterly to the southern boundary of Bedford County, thence following the southern and eastern boundaries of Bedford County to the James River, thence following the James River to the southeastern corner of Charles City County, thence northerly and easterly along the western and northern boundaries of James City, Gloucester, Mathews, and Acomac counties to the Atlantic Ocean.

And whereas said quarantine line as above set forth is satisfactory to this Department, and legislation has been enacted by the State of Virginia to enforce said quarantine line, therefore, in accordance with the regulations of February 1, 1896, the above quarantine line is adopted for the State of Virginia by this Department, for the period beginning on this date and ending November 15, 1896, in lieu of the quarantine line described in said order of February 1, 1896, for said area, unless otherwise ordered.

J. Sterling Morton,

Secretary.

Special Order Modifying Quarantine for the State of Texas.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., February 25, 1896.

In accordance with the regulations concerning cattle transportation issued by this Department, February 1, 1896, the State of Texas has located a quarantine line as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the southwest corner of the county of Pecos, on the bank of the Rio Grande River; thence following the western boundary of Pecos County to the southeast corner of Reeves County; thence following the boundary line between the counties of Pecos and Reeves to the Pecos River; thence southeasterly, following the Pecos River to the northwest corner of Crockett County; thence easterly along the northern boundary of Crockett and Schleicher counties to the southeastern corner of Irion County; thence northerly along the eastern boundary of Irion County to the northeast corner of said county; thence northerly to the southern boundary of Coke County; thence westerly to the southwest corner of Coke County; thence northerly along the western boundary of Coke County to the southern boundary of Mitchell County; thence easterly to the southeastern corner of Mitchell County; thence northerly along the western boundary of Nolan County to the northwestern corner of Nolan County; thence easterly along the northern boundary of said county to the southwestern corner of Jones County; thence northerly along the western boundary of Jones County with the southern boundary of Stonewall County; thence eastwardly along the northern boundaries of Jones and Shackelford counties to the southwest corner of Throckmorton County; thence northerly along the western boundaries of Throckmorton, Baylor, and Wilbarger counties to the Red River; thence continuing along the Red River in a southeasterly direction to the southeastern corner of the county of Greer; thence northerly, following the course of the North Fork of the Red River to its intersection with the eastern boundary line of Wheeler County; thence north with the eastern boundary line of Wheeler, Hemphill, and Lipscomb counties to the northeast corner of Lipscomb County; thence in a westerly direction with the northern boundary lines of Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Hansford, Sherman, and Dallam counties to northwestern corner of Dallam County to the eastern line of New Mexico.

And whereas said quarantine line as above set forth is satisfactory to this Department, and legislation has been enacted by the State of Texas to enforce said quarantine line, therefore, in accordance with the regulations of February 1, 1896, the above quarantine line is adopted for the State of Texas by this Department, for the period beginning on this date

and ending November 15, 1896, in lieu of the quarantine line described in said order of February 1, 1896, for said area, unless otherwise ordered.

J. Sterling Morton,

Secretary.

Special Order Modifying Quarantine Line for the State of Arkansas.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., March 2, 1896.

In accordance with the regulations concerning cattle transportation issued by this Department February 1, 1896, the State of Arkansas has located a quarantine line described as follows, to wit:

Beginning at the northwest corner of the county of Benton, thence southerly along the western boundary line of Benton and Washington counties to the southwest corner of Washington County; thence easterly along the southern boundaries of the counties of Washington, Madison, Newton, Searcy, and Stone to the western boundary of Independence County; thence southerly along the western boundary of Independence County to the southwest corner of Independence County to the southeast corner of Independence County; thence northerly along the eastern boundary of said county to the northeast corner of said county; thence easterly along the southern boundary of Lawrence County to the southeast corner of said county; thence northerly along the eastern boundary of said county to the southwestern corner of Greene County; thence easterly along the southern boundary of Greene County to the southern boundary of the State of Missouri and along said southern boundary of the State of Missouri to the Mississippi River; thence southerly along the Mississippi River to the northwestern corner of the county of Shelby, State of Tennessee.

And whereas said quarantine line as above set forth is satisfactory to this Department, and legislation has been enacted by the State of Arkansas to enforce said quarantine line, therefore, in accordance with the regulations of February 1, 1896, the above quarantine line is adopted for the State of Arkansas by this Department, for the period beginning on this date and ending November 15, 1896, in lieu of the quarantine line described in said order of February 1, 1896, for said area, unless otherwise ordered.

J. Sterling Morton, Secretary.

Special Order Modifying Quarantine Line for the Territory of Oklahoma.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., March 3, 1896.

In accordance with the regulations concerning cattle transportation issued by this Department February 1, 1896, the Territory of Oklahoma has located a quarantine line as follows, to-wit:

Beginning on the Red River at the southeastern corner of the county of Greer; thence northerly following the course of the North Fork of the Red River to its intersection with the southern boundary line of Roger Mills County; thence easterly along the southern boundary of Roger Mills and Washita counties to the southeastern corner of Washita County; thence northerly along the eastern boundary of Washita County to the northeast corner of said county; continuing in a northerly direction along the eastern boundary of the county of G to the

southwestern corner of the county of Blaine; thence easterly along the southern boundary of Blaine County to the southeast corner of said county; thence north on the eastern boundary of said county to the northwest corner of Canadian County; thence east on the northern boundary of said county to the northeast corner of said county; thence north along the eastern boundary of Kingfisher County to the northeastern corner of said county; thence east along the southern boundary of O County to the southeast corner of said county; thence north along the eastern boundary of O County to the northeast corner of said county; thence east along the southern boundary of K County to the west line of the Ponca Indian Reservation; thence north on the west line of said reservation to the northwest corner of said reservation; thence east along the northern boundary of the Ponca Reservation to the Arkansas River; thence in a northerly direction following the course of said river to its intersection with the thirty-seventh parallel of north latitude at the southern boundary line of Kansas.

So much of the quarantine line for the State of Texas described in the order of February 25, 1896, beginning at a point on the Red River at its intersection with the southern boundary line of Roger Mills County, and extending northerly and westerly therefrom, is hereby revoked during the enforcement of the above line for the Territory of Oklahoma.

And whereas said quarantine line as above set forth is satisfactory to this Department and legislation has been enacted by the Territory of Oklahoma to enforce said quarantine line; therefore, in accordance with the regulations of February 1, 1896, the above quarantine line is adopted for the Territory of Oklahoma by this Department, for the period beginning on this date and ending November 15, 1896, in lieu of the quarantine line described in said order of February 1, 1896, for said area, unless otherwise ordered.

J. Sterling Morton, Secretary.

Special Order Modifying Quarantine Line for the State of North Carolina.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

Washington, D. C., June 4, 1896.

Whereas the governor of North Carolina has indicated his intention to establish a quarantine line, under the laws of that State, and in accordance with the Regulations Concerning Cattle Transportation, issued by this Department February 1, 1896, located as follows:

Beginning at the southwest corner of the County of Cherokee, thence along the southern boundaries of the counties of Cherokee, Clay, Macon, Jackson, and Transylvania, to the southeast corner of the county of Transylvania; thence northwesterly along the eastern boundary of Transylvania County to the southwest corner of the county of Buncombe; thence easterly along the southern boundary of the said county to the summit of the Blue Ridge Mountains; thence in a northeasterly direction following the said mountains to their intersection with the northern boundary of the State of North Carolina.

And whereas said quarantine line as above set forth is satisfactory to this Department, and legislation has been enacted by the State of North Carolina by which said quarantine line may be enforced, therefore, in accordance with the regulations of February 1, 1896, the above quarantine line is adopted for that State by this Department for the period beginning on this date and ending November 15, 1896, in lieu of the quarantine line described in said order of February 1, 1896, for said area, unless otherwise ordered.

This order will take effect upon the issuance of the proclamation of the governor of the said State of North Carolina, establishing said line, and directing its enforcement.

J. Sterling Morton,

Secretary.

Special Order Modifying Quarantine Line for the State of Tennessee.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., June 5, 1896.

In accordance with the regulations concerning cattle transportation issued by this Department February 1, 1896, the State of Tennessee has located a quarantine line as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the northwest corner of the county of Shelby on the bank of the Mississippi River; thence along the northern boundary of the said county to the northeast corner of said county; thence northerly along the western boundary of Fayette County to the northwest corner of Fayette County; thence easterly along the northern boundary of Fayette County to the northeast corner of said county; thence northerly along the western boundary of Hardeman County to the northwest corner of said county; thence easterly along the southern boundary of Haywood County to the southeast corner of said county; thence northerly along the eastern boundary of Haywood County to the northeast corner of said county; thence in a northeasterly direction along the western boundary of Madison County to the northwestern corner of said county; thence easterly along the northern boundary of said county to the northeast corner of said county; thence northerly along the western boundary of Henderson County to the northwest corner of said county; thence easterly along the northern boundary of said county to the northeast corner of said county; thence northerly along the western boundary of Decatur County to the northwest corner of said county; thence easterly along the northern boundary of said county to the Tennessee River; thence following the Tennessee River in a southerly direction to the southwest corner of the county of Perry; thence east along the southern boundary of Perry County to the southeast corner of said county; thence easterly along the northern boundary of Wayne County to the northeastern corner of said county; thence southerly along the eastern boundary of Wayne County to the boundary line of the State of Tennessee; thence easterly along the southern boundary of the said State to the western boundary of the State of North Carolina.

And whereas said quarantine line as above set forth is satisfactory to this Department, and legislation has been enacted by the State of Tennessee to enforce said quarantine line, therefore, in accordance with the regulations of February 1, 1896, the above quarantine line is adopted for the State of Tennessee by this Department for the period beginning on this date and ending November 15, 1896, in lieu of the quarantine line described in said order of February 1, 1896, for said area, unless otherwise ordered.

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J. Sterling Morton, Secretary.